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Proposed Trailer Bill Language

Add Section 4474.4 to the Welfare and Institutions Code as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency shall verify that the Department of Developmental Services and the Department of Health Services have established protocols in place between the departments, as well as with the Regional Centers and health care plans participating in the Medi-Cal Program who will be providing services, including health, dental and vision care, to people with developmental disabilities transitioning from Agnews Developmental Center.

The Secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency shall provide written verification of the establishment of these protocols to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, as well as to the fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature which oversee health and human services programs.

The purpose of the protocols is to ensure that a mutual goal of providing appropriate, high quality care and services to children and adults who have developmental disabilities in order to optimize the health and welfare of each individual. Further, it is to ensure that all involved parties, including consumers and families, the state, Regional Centers and providers are clear as to their roles and responsibilities, and are appropriately accountable for optimizing the health and welfare of each individual.

The protocols, at a minimum, shall address enrollment for services, all referral practices including those to specialty care, authorization practices for services of all involved parties, coordination of case management services, education and training services to be provided, the management of medical records and provider reimbursement methods. These protocols shall be provided to the consumers and their families, and available to the public upon request.